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Drug Enforcement Administration integrated enforcement with an intelligence gathering unit. After studying the psychological make-up of the Mexican Mafia it was agreed that this group and the other related groups should be attacked from both their weak and strong points. The weakness in the organization was that some of its members were drug abusers on parole, and vulnerable. Their strongest attribute was the discipline that its members had built over the years through enforcement of their internal laws. [redacted] and other officers directed the first assault on the Mafia through the enforcement of state laws pertaining to escapes, parole violations, robberies and homicides. A large number of Mexican Mafia members were returned to prison for the aforementioned violations. b2 b7C

Prior to the involvement of the Task Force, an incarcerated member of the Mexican Mafia who wanted to leave the Mafia had no alternative other than to fight the Mexican Mafia and eventually be killed, or go to the prison authorities and be locked in protective custody for the rest of his term. This was an awkward position for any prisoner, and especially for an inmate the caliber of a Mafia member.

The Task Force, along with monitoring the activities of this group on the "streets", also kept abreast of the Mafia's movements and strategy inside prison. The previously mentioned strategy to attack the Mafia's discipline took effect when it was learned that several members of this group had been marked for death by its own members. The Task Force immediately made contact with these individuals and displayed proof when needed, that they had been chosen to die. The Task Force then offered them safety, both physically and mentally, if they would assist in neutralizing the efforts of the Mexican Mafia.

Over thirty incarcerated informants were debriefed over a several month period regarding activities of all major prison gangs. Several of these informants subsequently testified at trials for murders committed both inside the prisons and in the community. Informant [redacted] b7C b7D

[redacted] execution victim
Leonard Arias, Sacramento County execution victim Elmo Duran. Ortega's testimony led to the conviction of three Mafia members in the murder of Arias. More important to the overall effort was the psychological impact on the Mexican

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Mafia's discipline, from the testimony in a public trial of a former member. A number of these informants also testified before a Federal Grand Jury regarding their involvement in the Mexican Mafia and its activities.

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X [REDACTED] and other officers listed are of the opinion that the Mexican Mafia is at the present time the strongest prison gang in the California Prison System. The investigation of this group reveals that it has made several unsuccessful attempts to take over control of narcotic trafficking, murder for hire and several Federally funded self-help projects in California communities. The main reason for the Mafia's failure in their attempts to control major criminal activities has been the organized and concerted effort of Task Force, through arrests of Mafia members and a continued monitoring of their activities, both inside and outside of prison.

In view of the following factors, the Mexican Mafia's potential for refining and expanding in the communities of California is a constant and grave threat.

- A. The base of power firmly established over the past 15 years in the California Prison System and its growth through the use of terror and forced tactics has left over 80 deceased victims.
- B. The direct ties with narcotic traffickers in Mexico, who come in contact with the Mexican Mafia as former prisoners of the California System or as previous suppliers of individual members.
- C. The ever present base of operations for criminal activities in the Mexican-American barrios throughout California.
- D. The established reputation and continued willingness to utilize terror and violence to achieve the goals of the Mexican Mafia.

The efforts generated toward the immobilization of the Mexican Mafia and other related prison gangs has revealed that an enormous amount of intelligence resources exist in the California Department of Corrections, concerning narcotic trafficking. Most major narcotic dealers in California have

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at one time or another been incarcerated in California Department of Corrections and were subsequently released to parole supervision. This demonstrates a continuing need for Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to further develop and maintain a close working relationship with the intelligence resources available through this agency.

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Description of Defendants and Task Force Involvement in Arrest and Conviction:

[REDACTED]

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Chicano Prisoner's Throat Slashed

Mexican Mafia-type of a California-based terrorist group pinpointed by A.D. Gen. F. J. Vallejo, was slashed and slashed while on exercise outside his San Quentin prison cell, officials reported Saturday.

Roy Guerra, 21, serving a 15-month term for assault with a deadly weapon, was reported in serious condition after his jugular vein was slashed by a fellow prisoner.

Officials said the attack was apparently related to Mexican Mafia group activities. The Mexican Mafia was believed to have functions in prisons.

Several other terrorist groups mentioned in Younger's report may have obtained radioactive or nuclear materials.

The report of the attack on Guerra was reported by a police officer in the prison.

Vickers' speech was an oration on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Atomic Energy Commission in case of threat to the nation's security.

There is really a lot of things to be thought about. It just seemed an appropriate time to all to the attention of our law enforcement, police, chiefs and sheriffs, the AEC safeguard service," Vickers told The Herald Examiner.

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Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/29/74

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (92-5422) (P)

SUBJECT: MEXICAN MAFIA, aka;
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Re San Francisco letter and LHM to the Bureau,
captioned as above, dated 7/8/74. 157-31171-2

On 8/5/74, appropriate personnel at the Monterey
Park Police Department (MPPD), Monterey Park, California,
were advised of the Morrisey hearing involving [REDACTED]

On 8/14/74, SA [REDACTED] Drug Enforcement
Administration (DEA), currently assigned to California
Department of Corrections, Special Services Unit, Narcotics
Task Force, advised that [REDACTED] will probably be released
on approval of a parole program. He further advised that
the above mentioned Unit intends to file a murder charge
on [REDACTED] regarding the 9/14/72 murder of Nuestra Familia
member [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that his investigation has revealed
that [REDACTED] recently divided the East Los Angeles area into
seven districts for the organized trafficking of narcotics.
The districts as furnished by [REDACTED] are as follows: 1) Chapman
Woods; 2) Arcadia; 3) Temple City; 4) El Monte; 5) Pico Rivera;
6) Santa Fe Springs; 7) Whittier.

[REDACTED] furnished the following
"death list" regarding Nuestra Familia members:

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - San Francisco
- 2 - Los Angeles

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For the information of the Bureau, and San Francisco, Los Angeles is conducting individual 92 matter investigations on the most prominent members of the Mexican Mafia in order to determine whether they are in violation of Federal statutes within the jurisdiction of the Bureau and to more fully assess their potential as PCI's.

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will maintain contact with appropriate law enforcement agencies in efforts to obtain more information regarding captioned matter.

SAC, San Francisco

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Director, FBI (157-31171)

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Reurlet and LHM 3/31/75.

A review of the referenced LHM indicates that the captioned organization is wholly criminal in nature. Even though you describe the Mexican Mafia (MM) as a "Mexican-American revolutionary group," you set out no details as to the extent and nature of its revolutionary aims and purposes.

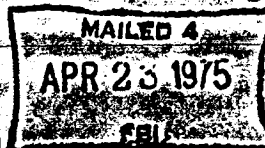
You specifically state that "the purpose of this Mexican Mafia is to run narcotics inside and outside of prison." Unless you possess additional data to place this group in a revolutionary or extremist place this group does not feel there is sufficient justification for continuing your investigation of this matter.

If you possess the additional information mentioned above, then you should resubmit pertinent details of referenced LHM and that data in form suitable for dissemination along with your recommendation as to continuance of the investigation.

Referenced LHM furnished Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) of Department of Justice. Insure local dissemination to DEA. Continue to report incidents of violence form suitable for dissemination under Civil Unrest character.

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Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR FBI

DATE: 3/31/75

FROM : SAC SAN FRANCISCO (157-9754) (P)

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DATE OF REVIEW 3/31/75

Re San Francisco letter and LHM dated 7/8/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of an LHM captioned as above. Enclosed for Los Angeles and Sacramento are two (2) copies each of the LHM captioned as above.

Two copies of an FD-376 are stapled to copies of the LHM.

Copies of LHM have been disseminated locally to U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. Attorney, San Francisco.

Sources utilized in the LHM are as follows:

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

All San Francisco agents handling extremist matters have been advised of the situation with regards to the Mexican Mafia and other prison extremist groups and their propensities for violence. Information has been disseminated in this regard with respect to existing Bureau instructions as to the handling of such matters and the necessity of developing information regarding such activities and of the continuing need for sources in this regard. This matter has been regularly stressed in squad and all agent conferences.

Every effort is being made on a continuing basis to develop logical sources with respect to the Mexican Mafia and all extremist groups functioning within this division.

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SAN FRANCISCO

AT TAMAL, CALIFORNIA AND SOLEDAD, CALIFORNIA.

1. Will continue to contact logical prison sources concerning the Mexican Mafia.

2. Will, through these contacts, identify members of the Mexican Mafia within the institution to determine any indications of outside groups.

3. Will continue to report incidents of violence involving the Mexican Mafia and other prison extremist groups in form suitable for dissemination under Civil Unrest character.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 31, 1975

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. SF 157-9754

RE: MEXICAN MAFIA

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
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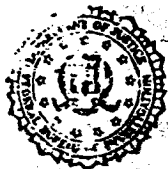
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U. S. Secret Service, San Francisco (RM)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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San Francisco, California

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The Mexican Mafia (MM) is a Mexican-American revolutionary group organized within some of the California state prisons.

Since January 1, 1974; there have been fourteen incidents of violence involving the MM occurring in San Quentin.

The following members of the Mexican Mafia have been involved in this continuing violence at San Quentin Prison, Tamal, California:

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.

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ENCLOSURE

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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X [REDACTED] who has provided reliable information in the past furnished the following, which was furnished to him by [REDACTED] in relation to an investigation at San Quentin Prison, San Francisco, California, regarding the Mexican Mafia, which explains some of the organization, beliefs and practices of the Mexican Mafia.

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On May 16, 1974, [REDACTED] Prison Number [REDACTED] was interviewed in the City and County of Los Angeles and advised the following:

A member of the Mexican Mafia is a member for life. If a member leaves he will be killed and if a member testifies in court against other Mexican Mafia members, his family will be killed.

[REDACTED]

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The purpose of the Mexican Mafia is to run narcotics inside and outside of prison. The Mexican Mafia has a contract with the Mexican border for the delivery of narcotics to be sold inside and outside of prison.

The Mexican Mafia maintains discipline over its own members by automatically placing a member on the list to be killed if he does not carry out orders.

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The leader and godfather of the Mexican Mafia is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (u) who has provided reliable information in the past.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised there is a relationship between the Mexican Mafia and the Aryan Brotherhood (AB), an anti-black group who support white supremacy, which has resulted in a considerable amount of violence within the California Penal System involving individuals affiliated

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with functioning extremist groups in the institutions. The conflicts that have arisen are primarily between members of the Mexican Mafia allied with the Aryan Brotherhood in warfare against the Black Guerrilla Family (BGF), an anti-white group organized within some of the California State prisons who consider courts, administration and the California Department of Corrections as their enemies; who are allied with the New Family (NF), a Mexican-American revolutionary group organized within some of the California state prisons.

Sources familiar with extremist activities in the San Francisco Division know of no outside groups functioning as the Mexican Mafia, however, numerous conflicts, based on activities with extremist groups and/or unaffiliated extremists prior to their incarceration have continued to receive support from such groups and/or individuals while confined, and have also received support from groups and individuals espousing penal reform.

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X [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the warfare existing between the Mexican Mafia and the New Family has been somewhat curtailed by the decision of the Department of Corrections to incarcerate the members of the Mexican Mafia at either Folsom Prison or San Quentin Prison and members of the New Family at Duell Vocational Institute at Tracy, California, and California Training Facility at Soledad, California.

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X [redacted] advised that the Mexican Mafia has a very definite split between the political element who want to become more involved in revolution and the old line Mexican Mafia who want to concentrate on narcotic dealings.

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Source advised that the split between the factions is leading to more violence as witnessed by assaults on Mexican Mafia members by other Mexican Mafia members experienced at San Quentin Prison.

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X [redacted] advised that San Quentin officials have been segregating the leaders, and more vocal members of the Mexican Mafia and the other prison gangs, from the general population at San Quentin in an attempt to stop prison violence, which included 90 assaults resulting in 12 deaths in 1974, the majority of which were blamed on gang warfare.

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The segregated convicts are being placed in a "controlled unit" in D Section of the prison.

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[redacted] advised that the convicts who have been segregated at San Quentin are being placed in Category IV, which is considered "Potentially, the most violent convicts in the California Department of Corrections".

The segregated convicts will have no contact or communication with the general population of the prison and they will have to prove themselves as not being a threat of violence in order to be downgraded in category and allowed back with the prison general population.

[redacted] advised that during the past few months three members of the Mexican Mafia have been tried at the Marin County Courthouse resulting from the violence at San Quentin Prison. The three trials ended with no convictions.

[redacted] advised that Mexican Mafia member [redacted]